

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to better define the invention and to remove any inconsistencies in the claimed features. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 1 and 8 as amended be withdrawn. Claims 2-7 were rejected as depending from claim 1 and claims 10-15 were rejected as depending from claim 8. Since claims 1 and 8 were amended to address any inconsistencies, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to these claims also be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 5-7, 8, 12-15, 16 and 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being unpatentable over the "SBC global network DSL: Customer Self Install" ("Document") in view of Klees (U.S. Patent No. 5,283,661).

Claims 1, 8 and 16 has been amended to consistently include the feature that "at most one instruction manual which describes a unified installation process for the digital subscriber line modem, the at least one digital subscriber line filter, and the computer readable connection software code."

Neither the Document nor Klees, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the claimed unified installation process. The Document describes the use of more than one instruction manual. Klees fails to fill the gap. Klees describes a method and apparatus for detecting that a facsimile machine is being installed with stored information within the machine being used to aid the installer during installation and/or operation using either image and text information or verbal information stored in the memory of the facsimile machine. Abstract. Neither document, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests, "at most one instruction manual which describes a unified installation process for the network card, the digital subscriber line modem, the at least one digital subscriber line filter."

Therefore, Applicant submits that amended claims 1, 8, and 16, and claims that either directly or indirectly depend from them, distinguish over the

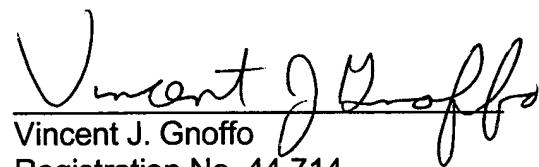
Document and Klees, alone or combined. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 3-4, 10-11 and 18-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the Document in view of Klees and further in view of Official Notice.

Claims 3-4 depend from claim 1 as amended, claims 10-11 depend from claim 8 as amended and claims 18-19 depend from claim 16 as amended, and therefore include all of the features of the respective claims, plus additional features. For at least the reasons discussed with regard to claims 1, 8 and 16 respectfully, Applicants request the rejection to these claims also be withdrawn. Moreover, none of the references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the use of a container as claimed. For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to these claims be withdrawn.

For all of the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and speedy allowance of the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4224 if there are any outstanding issues that could be resolved through a telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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